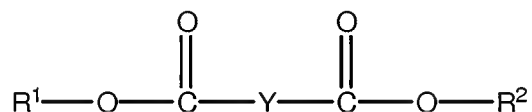


Claims:

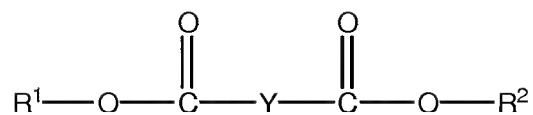
1. A treatment block formed from a solid block composition which includes: a surfactant constituent, a diester constituent, and one or more further optional constituents.
2. A treatment block formed from a solid block composition which includes: a surfactant constituent, a diester constituent, a bleach constituent, and optionally one or more further constituents.
3. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent a compound which may be represented by the following structure:



wherein:

R^1 and R^2 can independently be C_1 - C_6 alkyl which may optionally substituted, Y is $(\text{CH}_2)_x$, wherein x is 0-10, but is preferably 4-8, and while Y may be a linear alkyl or phenyl moiety, desirably Y includes one or more oxygen atoms or is a branched moiety.

4. A treatment block according to claim 3 wherein:
 Y is $-(\text{CH}_2)_x-$ wherein x has a value of from 1-4.
5. A treatment block according to claim 3 wherein:
 R^1 and R^2 are C_1 - C_6 alkyl groups.
6. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

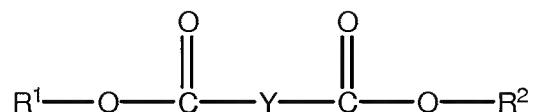


wherein:

- 5 R^1 and R^2 can independently be C_1 - C_6 alkyl which may optionally substituted,
Y represents a $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{SO}_3\text{Na})-$ moiety.

7. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent
a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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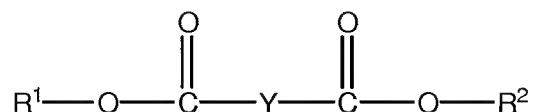


wherein:

- 15 R^1 and R^2 can independently be C_1 - C_6 alkyl which may optionally substituted,
Y represents a $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{HNC}(\text{OCH}_3))-$ moiety.

8. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent
a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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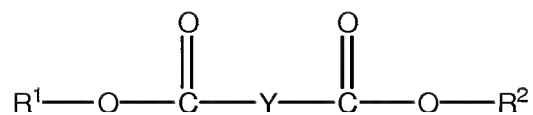


wherein:

- 25 R^1 and R^2 can independently be C_1 - C_6 alkyl which may optionally substituted,
Y represents a $-\text{CH}_2-\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)-$ moiety.

9. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent
a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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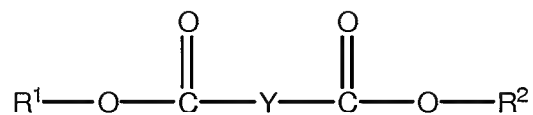


wherein:

- 5 R^1 and R^2 can independently be C_1 - C_6 alkyl which may optionally substituted,
 Y represents a $-\text{CH}_2\text{CH}_2\text{CH}(\text{NH}_2)-$ moiety.

10. A treatment block according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the diester constituent
 a compound which may be represented by the following structure:

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wherein:

- 15 R^1 and R^2 can independently be C_1 - C_6 alkyl which may optionally substituted,
 Y represents a $-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{O})-\text{CH}_2-\text{C}(\text{O})-$ moiety.